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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town of Walpole, as appraised by the Selectmen, April 1, 1886, for the purpose of taxation.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Value of real estate       | \$999 850 00   |
| “ 602 polls                | 60 200 00      |
| “ 491 horses               | 36 552 00      |
| “ 98 oxen                  | 6 652 00       |
| “ 664 cows                 | 21 422 00      |
| “ 394 other cattle         | 9 782 00       |
| “ 7581 sheep               | 22 758 00      |
| “ 87 hogs                  | 652 00         |
| “ 13 carriages             | 1 192 00       |
| “ stock in public funds    | 7 700 00       |
| “ stock in banks           | 33 400 00      |
| “ stock in corporation     | 7 334 00       |
| “ stock in trade           | 17 550 00      |
| “ money on hand            | 185 980 00     |
| “ toll bridge              | 10 000 00      |
| “ buildings not designated | 1 900 00       |
|                            | <hr/>          |
|                            | \$1 422 924 00 |

## Taxes Assessed for the following Appropriations.

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| State tax                             | \$2 964 00  |
| County tax                            | 2 691 50    |
| Support of schools                    | 3 500 00    |
| Town officers and contingent expenses | 1 500 00    |
| For other town purposes               | 2 601 50    |
|                                       | <hr/>       |
|                                       | \$13 257 00 |
| Amount of taxes on dogs               | \$183 00    |

**District Taxes Assessed.**


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|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| School district No. 1 | \$650 00 |
| Village precinct      | 900 00   |

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**Orders Drawn for Payment of Town Officers.**


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|---|----------|
| George Aldrich, superintendent school committee | \$100 00 |
| Abel P. Richardson, town clerk                  | 50 00    |
| Curtis R. Crowell, collector of taxes           | 100 00   |
| “ “ moderator                                   | 5 00     |
| “ “ superintendent school committee             | 7 00     |
| John W. Prentiss, selectman                     | 178 00   |
| Herbert J. Watkins, selectman                   | 160 00   |
| Thomas B. Buffum, treasurer                     | 25 00    |
| Henry E. Putnam, selectman                      | 130 00   |
| John C. Brown, supervisor                       | 25 00    |
| Henry Burt, supervisor                          | 25 00    |
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|   | \$805 00 |

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**Town Paupers.**


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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| John Weber, support of Carrie Weber               | \$112 57 |
| John E. Hartwell, support of E. Stowell           | 154 00   |
| George A. Blake, examination of A. Weber          | 2 50     |
| John Weber, board of Andrew Weber                 | 162 43   |
| State industrial school board of Chas. Farnsworth | 39 00    |
| Gorham & Webster, provision for E. Stowell        | 2 00     |
| J. W. Prentiss, aid for Jas. P. Nash              | 1 23     |
| Sarah A. Royce, support of Geo. Royce             | 94 50    |
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|   | \$568 23 |



### County Paupers.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| George Gassett, support and burial of Philip Thomas                 | \$ 52 00 |
| Richard Knapp, support of Phebe Dodge                               | 72 60    |
| William Warn, support of Elizabeth Warn                             | 37 43    |
| T. Sullivan, goods for Delany family                                | 112 53   |
| “ “ Mrs. Doyle  | 8 07     |
| “ “ Jerry Dolan   | 18 07    |
| Perry & Porter, goods for Edward Bixby                              | 24 63    |
| Chapin & Burt, meat for Edward Bixby                                | 8 73     |
| L. G. & C. E. Howard, coal for Mrs. Doyle                           | 3 53     |
| E. A. Eaton, coal for Mrs. Doyle                                    | 1 85     |
| Edward Bixby, support of self and family                            | 72 00    |
| William Hall, burial casket for Phebe Dodge                         | 15 00    |
| Frances A. Griffin, support of Elizabeth Warn                       | 55 00    |
| Jarvis H. Hinds, support of Chas. W. Hinds                          | 7 50     |
| Edward M. Holden, milk for Edward Bixby                             | 5 91     |
| F. A. Lebourveau, teams for carrying paupers to farm                | 9 00     |
| Chapin & Burt, arresting and taking James Lewis to county farm      | 10 00    |
| Geo. A. Blake, medical attendance on Mrs. Bixby                     | 5 00     |
| John C. Howard, medicine for Edward Bixby,                          | 7 70     |
| Winslow B. Porter, medical attendance and medicine for Bixby family | 21 75    |
| James H. Heald, taking Keefe to Concord                             | 17 30    |
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|   | \$565 60 |

### Books, Stationery and Printing.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Livermore Brothers, printing town reports            | \$36 00  |
| Abel P. Richardson, stationery                       | 2 50     |
| C. C. Davis, stationery and printing                 | 56 52    |
| G. H. Tilden, tax collector's book and highway books | 5 90     |
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|  | \$100 92 |

### Walpole and Westminster Bridge.

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|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Thos. Kiniry, care and lighting bridge                     | \$18 00 |
| David N. Wright, snowing bridge                            | 12 00   |
| D. W. Pollard, for lighting bridge                         | 4 59    |
| Dennis Griffin, repairing washout at west end of<br>bridge | 3 25    |
| Thomas Griffin, 29 hours labor on bridge                   | 4 35    |
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|  | \$42 19 |

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### Breaking Roads.

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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Walter Wightman                                     | \$ 1 50  |
| Frank P. Allen                                      | 5 00     |
| Robert Cochran                                      | 5 25     |
| Haskell C. Towne                                    | 46 81    |
| Dorr H. Adams, (for roads and side-walks)           | 13 75    |
| Chas. C. Worcester                                  | 75       |
| Isaac Pratt   | 10 05    |
| William T. Ramsey                                   | 8 50     |
| Alfred Watkins                                      | 24 70    |
| Joseph Kidder                                       | 4 50     |
| William E. Roy                                      | 5 85     |
| William Hall  | 2 55     |
| Oliver Hall   | 6 00     |
| Chas. Stowell                                       | 2 10     |
| H. Allen & Son, (for paths in village and cemetery) | 24 79    |
| Wesley Foster                                       | 1 75     |
| Albert Kingman                                      | 22 04    |
| J. W. Prentiss                                      | 3 00     |
| Albert A. Gilson                                    | 6 35     |
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|   | \$195 24 |



### Extra Work on Highway.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| William Guild, labor                                  | \$9 00   |
| Sumner S. Watkins, labor                              | 1 75     |
| Edwin Guild, labor                                    | 1 50     |
| Dennis Phelps, labor                                  | 75       |
| Patrick Carroll, snowing bridge at Drewsville         | 1 50     |
| John Connell, cutting ice and turning water           | 5 00     |
| Alfred Watkins, labor                                 | 8 25     |
| Jonathan Putney, repairing road near Cold River       | 35 25    |
| Chas. Fisher, working road machine                    | 47 00    |
| Joseph Blodgett, labor drawing dirt                   | 6 00     |
| Frank Dodge, labor                                    | 4 58     |
| Henry Dodge, repairing washout                        | 2 40     |
| John W. Taggard, maintaining water cistern on highway | 2 00     |
| William Hall, labor                                   | 7 65     |
| Chas. A. Watkins, labor                               | 11 40    |
| Thomas Garrity, labor on Cheney hill                  | 2 30     |
| H. C. Towne, labor                                    | 2 00     |
| J. H. Graves, labor                                   | 3 75     |
| Matthew Tole, labor                                   | 2 00     |
| “ “ maintaining water cistern                         | 2 00     |
| Chas. W. Tole, cash paid for grading new road         | 19 50    |
| Chas. W. Dodge, maintaining water cistern             | 1 00     |
| Chas. Stowell, turning water                          | 1 75     |
| Bart. Kiniry, labor and dirt                          | 10 70    |
| John Selkirk, 42 loads gravel                         | 2 10     |
| Dennis Griffin, labor etc.                            | 4 25     |
| Thomas “ “  | 1 13     |
| Amos Gale, “  | 1 20     |
| Thomas McDonald, labor etc.                           | 3 00     |
| John W. Estabrook, 35 loads gravel                    | 3 50     |
| Thomas Murray, labor                                  | 2 75     |
| Albert A. Gilson                                      | 10 14    |
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|   | \$217 10 |

# **Building and Repairing Bridges and Putting up Railings.**

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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Jerome Lebourveau, repairing culverts                         | \$4 50   |
| John Selkirk, bridge plank, posts and lumber                  | 82 92    |
| Chas. B. Hall, bridge plank                                   | 36 27    |
| John Harty, putting in new sluice                             | 2 25     |
| Elihu Hill, bridge plank                                      | 6 00     |
| Eli W. Graves, bridge timber and labor                        | 24 00    |
| William E. Roy, building over bridge                          | 12 50    |
| Frank Dodge, labor on sluice                                  | 1 50     |
| John Tole, repairing bridge at Drewsville                     | 4 25     |
| Henry Allen & Son, 3282 feet bridge plank                     | 39 38    |
| Henry Dodge, repairing bridge                                 | 1 00     |
| L. F. Whitney, building new sluice                            | 1 50     |
| F. O. Smalley, repairing bridge near Henry Burt's             | 63 00    |
| F. W. Turner, timber and labor on sluice                      | 2 00     |
| C. C. Worcester, repairing sluice and putting up<br>railing   | 5 47     |
| Chas. H. Barnes, building sluices                             | 21 00    |
| J. H. Graves, labor   | 3 75     |
| John W. Taggard, putting up railing                           | 2 94     |
| Isaac Pratt, repairing sluices and railing                    | 4 00     |
| Oliver Hall, drawing and piling stone and repairing<br>bridge | 27 00    |
| Connecticut River Lumber Co., lumber and railing              | 9 67     |
| Frank Allen, bridge plank and labor                           | 6 81     |
| Curtis Fletcher, covering stone                               | 3 00     |
| John L. Houghton, repairing bridges and railing               | 10 00    |
| E. K. Seabury, bridge plank                                   | 4 51     |
| Martin G. Hall, repairing culvert                             | 1 85     |
| L. G. & C. E. Howard, drain tile, etc.                        | 120 74   |
| Jonathan Putney, posts and railing                            | 3 36     |
| Albert A. Gilson, repairing bridge                            | 1 00     |
| Henry Burt, timber for bridge                                 | 28 46    |
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|   | \$534 63 |

**Town House.**


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|   |            |
|---|------------|
| H. G. Barnes, for building committee                    | \$9 500 00 |
| Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co., builders permit       | 12 00      |
| Merchants & Farmers Fire Insurance Co,        "         | 12 00      |
| Ransom L. Ball, insurance policy and builders<br>permit | 26 00      |
| J. G. Bellows, insurance policy                         | 20 00      |
| F. A. Lebourveau, moving goods                          | 4 25       |
| Chas. W. Chickering, sawing and splitting wood          | 75         |
| C. R. Crowell, coal                                     | 32 80.     |
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|   | \$9607 80  |

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**Cemetery.**


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|  |         |
|--|---------|
| J. G. Bellows, for cemetery committee                  | \$62 80 |
| H. C. Towne, repairing cemetery on Carpenter's<br>hill | 3 00    |
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|  | \$65 80 |

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**Precinct.**


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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| William Hall, chief engineer                 | \$100 00 |
| C. C. Davis, for committee on engine house   | 650 00   |
| E. K. Seabury, for committee on street lamps | 91 20    |
| C. R. Crowell,        "        "        "    | 33 80    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$875 00 |
| Due precinct                                 | \$25 00  |



**Abatement of Taxes.**


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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Willis Foster, on account of error         | \$5 49   |
| David Buffum       "       "               | 3 94     |
| Willie Leonard     "       "               | 9 30     |
| Henry L. Houghton, "     "                 | 78       |
| David Mann, on account of error in dog tax | 1 00     |
| C. R. Crowell, collector, 1885             | 23 90    |
| C. R. Crowell,       "     1886            | 51 20    |
| J. W. Prentiss     "     1884              | 31 34    |
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|  | \$126 95 |

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**Town Library.**


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|---|----------|
| Waldo F. Hayward, for library committee<br>(see report of library committee.) | \$210 00 |
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**Sheep Killed by Dogs.**


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|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Allen Dunshee     | \$5 00  |
| Lewis F. Whitney  | 2 25    |
| Alfred Watkins    | 2 00    |
| Caleb Foster      | 10 00   |
| Laura M. Royce    | 2 50    |
| Joshua C. Quinton | 2 50    |
| John B. Russell   | 10 50   |
| B. H. Dwinell     | 3 00    |
|                   | <hr/>   |
|                   | \$37 74 |

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**Expense of Schools.**


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|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Town appropriation for schools | \$3500 00 |
| Literary fund from state       | 262 40    |
|                                | <hr/>     |
|                                | \$3762 40 |

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Scholars (369) drew \$10.1962 each    |           |
| Scholars in town district (267) drew  | \$2722 39 |
| Scholars in district No. 1 (102) drew | 1040 01   |
|                                       | <hr/>     |
|                                       | \$3762 40 |

### **Police.**

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|   |         |
|---|---------|
| John Hays, North Walpole                            | \$6 50  |
| Chas. Russell, special police July 3d and 4th, 1885 | 4 00    |
| Geo. F. Burt  | 10 00   |
| John Fitzgerald, North Walpole                      | 22 50   |
| Edward Stapleton, North Walpole                     | 10 00   |
| Chas. B. Hale, special police July 3d and 4th, 1885 | 4 00    |
|   | <hr/>   |
|   | \$57 00 |

### **Miscellaneous.**

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| John Connell, payment on house and lot                         | \$125 00 |
| Chas. G. Maynard, keeping tramps                               | 24 00    |
| Thomas Dinsmore, damage by accident on highway                 | 260 00   |
| J. G. Bellows, service as attorney and cash paid out           | 49 75    |
| Geo. A. Blake, reporting births and deaths                     | 1 75     |
| G. P. Porter, oil, nails, chimneys, etc.                       | 2 14     |
| John Hadlock, road machine blades                              | 8 00     |
| Dennis Phelps, building fence on common                        | 50       |
| Batchelder & Faulkner, counsel in Dinsmore case                | 23 00    |
| John W. Hayward, damage to stone boat used on<br>bridge        | 4 00     |
| A. P. Richardson, reporting and recording births<br>and deaths | 30 00    |
| E. R. Campbell, reporting births and deaths                    | 25       |
| Dr. Albee, reporting births and deaths                         | 2 25     |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Thomas Walsh, blacksmithing                   | 1 75      |
| Gorham & Webster, damage to wagon             | 2 56      |
| Perry & Porter, oil, spikes, wood, etc.       | 12 90     |
| Vincent Gosselin, reporting births and deaths | 10 50     |
| C. R. Crowell, discount on taxes, 1886        | 436 85    |
| W. B. Porter, reporting births and deaths     | 2 75      |
| Chas. W. Tole, use of team and cash paid out  | 27 65     |
| John W. Prentiss      "      "      "      "  | 63 41     |
| Herbert J. Watkins,      "      "      "      | 52 25     |
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|   | \$1141 26 |

### Recapitulation.

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|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Town officers,                              | \$805 00   |
| Town paupers                                | 568 23     |
| County paupers                              | 565 60     |
| Books, stationery and printing              | 100 92     |
| Walpole and Westminster bridge              | 42 19      |
| Breaking roads                              | 195 24     |
| Extra work on highway                       | 217 10     |
| Building and repairing bridges and railings | 534 63     |
| Town house                                  | 9607 80    |
| Cemetery                                    | 65 80      |
| Precinct                                    | 875 00     |
| Abatement of taxes                          | 126 95     |
| Town library                                | 210 00     |
| Sheep killed by dogs                        | 37 75      |
| Expense of schools                          | 4412 39    |
| Police                                      | 57 00      |
| Miscellaneous                               | 1141 26    |
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|   | \$19562 86 |

### Liabilities.

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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Town officers and other unpaid bills, estimated | \$900 00 |
|---|----------|



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|--|-----------|
| Floating orders  | 5 75      |
| Note held by Provident Institution for Savings,<br>Boston, Mass. | 7000 00   |
| Note held by Walpole Savings Bank                                | 1500 00   |
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|  | \$9405 75 |

#### Available Town Assets.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash in Treasury                      | 141 60    |
| Due from county bills paid Oct., 1886 | 75 60     |
| Amount paid on house of John Connell  | 200 00    |
| Taxes of 1886, uncollected            | 1869 91   |
|                                       | <hr/>     |
|                                       | \$2287 11 |
| Present indebtedness of town          | \$7118 64 |

#### Unavailable Assets.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Catherine Livingston fund | \$300 00 |
|---------------------------|----------|

#### Estimates for 1887.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town paupers                          | \$ 700 00 |
| Building and repairing bridges        | 1 800 00  |
| Town officers and contingent expenses | 1 500 00  |
| Support of schools                    | 3 000 00  |
| Breaking roads                        | 300 00    |
| Town Library                          | 210 00    |
| Police and cemetery                   | 250 00    |
| Highways (paid in money)              | 1 500 00  |
| Interest on town debt                 | 250 00    |
| State tax                             | 2 964 00  |

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| County tax                         | 2 691 00    |
| Payment on town house debt         | 1 000 00    |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$16 164 50 |
| Less savings bank and railroad tax | 2 812 69    |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$13 352 81 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN W. PRENTISS,   | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Walpole. |
| HERBERT J. WATKINS, |                               |
| CHARLES W. TOLE,    |                               |

Walpole, Feb. 26, 1887.

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Received of J. W. Prentiss, Jr., collector of taxes |             |
| for 1884  | \$ 813 00   |
| “ interest on same                                  | 51 72       |
| “ Curtis R. Crowell, collector of taxes for         |             |
| 1885  | 1 193 33    |
| “ interest on same                                  | 45 00       |
| “ for cement sold                                   | 7 30        |
| “ for insurance policy                              | 1 75        |
| “ from county for paupers                           | 490 00      |
| “ from school money                                 | 10 25       |
| “ from Prov. Inst. for savings                      | 7 000 00    |
| “ from Savings bank of Walpole                      | 1 500 00    |
| “ from state for railroad tax                       | 557 18      |
| “ from savings bank tax                             | 2 255 51    |
| “ from literary fund                                | 262 40      |
| “ for two pool tables                               | 20 00       |
| “ from Curtis R. Crowell, collector of taxes        |             |
| 1886  | 13 454 50   |
| Error on entering taxes appraised for 1886          | 40          |
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|   | \$27 662 34 |



**Disbursements.**


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|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid balance due treasurer        | \$ 1 478 90 |
| “ town orders for 1885            | 638 85      |
| “ “ 1886                          | 19 557 11   |
| “ state tax                       | 2 964 00    |
| “ county tax                      | 2 691 50    |
| “ interest to Keene National Bank | 59 13       |
| “ “ Prov. Inst. for savings       | 131 25      |
| Cash on hand                      | 141 60      |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                   | \$27 662 34 |

T. B. BUFFUM, Treasurer.

The undersigned Committee appointed to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer, have examined their accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

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|----------------|---|-----------|
| C. R. CROWELL, | } | Auditors. |
| W. P. CHAPIN,  |   |           |
| D. A. DEWOLF,  |   |           |

# REPORT OF TOWN Library Committee.

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Cash on hand as per last report                  | \$7 81   |
| Received of librarian for fines and use of books | 16 25    |
| Town appropriations                              | 210 00   |
|  | \$234 06 |

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## Expenses.

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid for books purchased   | \$116 04 |
| Geo. H. Tilden, for binding and repairing books                                      | 19 00    |
| R. L. Ball, librarian, rents, fuel, lights, etc., from<br>March, 1886 to March, 1887 | 90 00    |
| C. C. Davis' bill  | 2 25     |
| Reflector and repairing lantern  | 1 05     |
| Express  | 2 71     |
| Cash on hand   | 3 01     |
|  | \$234 06 |

The number of books taken from the library from March 1886 to March 1887 was 4927.

The number of books added to the library during the year has been 124, of which 87 were purchased by the town, and 37 presented.

The donors were: Mrs. E. Tobey, Rev. Russell N. Bel-  
lows, Henry G. Wheelock, Oscar Rogers, B. P. Owen, R.  
L. Ball, Dr. Wm Dickinson, Lawrence Hutton, Harper Bros.,  
Rev. Edwin Jennison, C. C. Davis, State Board of Health,  
and Leonard B. Holland.

There are undoubtedly many persons who could and  
would be glad to furnish books and magazines in their pos-  
session if they could know that these would be acceptable.  
The library has been enriched by such gifts in the past and

additions thus made in the future will be gratefully acknowledged. Let us all look over our stock of GOOD books which we seldom, if ever refer to, and by placing them in the town library, renew their usefulness.

Believing that the benefits to be derived from the use of the town library could be extended so as to include more of the inhabitants of the town, your committee last summer attempted to establish what may be designated as 'branch libraries' in No. Walpole and Drewsville. At No. Walpole no arrangement was effected, but at Drewsville the 'branch' under the care of Mr. Henry E. Putnam, has been successfully started. Mr. Putnam reports that "there have been about one hundred and forty volumes of the town library books circulated here and in most cases to parties who would not have had books from the library were it not for the privileges you have given us by establishing a 'branch' here. Some families who have taken books to read have never before had any benefit from our public library."

If the citizens who reside at No. Walpole want to have the use of the library, let them choose a suitable person to take charge of the books.

One obstacle which has prevented persons living remote from the central library from taking out books is the probability that fines must be paid for over-detention. By having more places where the books may be returned, this possibility is greatly overcome.

Lists of the books added during the winter may be obtained of the librarian.

The committee ask for an appropriation to meet the following estimates for the ensuing year:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Librarian, rent, fuel and lights | \$90 00  |
| Books                            | 100 00   |
| Binding and repairing books      | 20 00    |
|                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                  | \$210 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| W. F. HAYWARD, | } Committee. |
| L. B. HOLLAND, |              |
| C. C. DAVIS,   |              |



# REPORT OF VILLAGE + CEMETERY + COMMITTEE.

## Receipts 1886.

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|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Sale of lot | \$20 00 |
| Town orders | 62 80   |
|             | \$82 80 |

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## Payments 1886.

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|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid C. A. Chickering, labor                      | \$30 00 |
| “ R. S. Blanchard, labor Catharine Livingston lot | 12 80   |
| “ “ “ “   | 40 00   |
|   | \$82 80 |

Your Committee recommend an appropriation of \$150.00 for the coming year which, with the income of the Catharine Livingston fund, they believe will be sufficient to move the fence at the north end of the cemetery so as to enclose the addition, to paint and repair the fence, and to care for and improve the grounds.

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| J. G. BELLOWS, | } | Committee. |
| R. L. BALL,    |   |            |
| C. R. CROWELL, |   |            |

# REPORT OF

## ✦SCHOOL + BOARD✦

### IN THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The school board respectfully submit the annual report of the town school district for 1886-7.

Upon assuming the duties of our office we found that to adjust the new system to meet present conditions and give equal privileges to all the scholars would be a matter of no little difficulty, should we attempt many changes in the location of the schools, for while there would be an undoubted advantage in some cases in bringing two or more schools together, there would be a manifest injustice in compelling the scholars of another school to travel a long distance before finding themselves in possession of privileges equal to those enjoyed by scholars living in more favored localities—while on the other hand we were not unmindful of the fact that as the school year was to be of equal length in all the schools that course would best subserve the interests of all which gave as few schools as would be consistent with a wise economy and the comfort of the scholars. Upon looking the field carefully over, we found that with little or no inconvenience to scholars and at a saving of about fifty per cent., the Derry Hill school could be well convened in an adjoining district and accordingly made that change. The school in old district No. 13 has been discontinued for

want of proper school room accommodations. Other than these we have made no changes, excepting in school No. 12, where the scholars were transferred to No. 11 for nine weeks.

The statement of the treasurer of the board to the town and the tables accompanying this report embrace three terms of school.

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| The report of the treasurer shows that there has been received from the town for school purposes | \$2 722 38 |
| From other sources   | 9 85       |
| Available funds  | 2 732 23   |
| That there has been expended   | 2 708 77   |
| Balance in treasurer's hands   | 23 46      |

In the period included in this report there were thirteen schools in session as shown by table No. 1, accompanying this report; each school having the same number of weeks schooling, namely, twenty-six weeks, being about two weeks less schooling than the average of the schools for the year preceding, occasioned in part at least by the different mode of dividing the school money under the vote at the last annual town meeting, to which subject the board respectfully call the attention of voters.

The school board have intended to employ only thoroughly competent teachers specially qualified in point of aptness for the particular school they were to teach.

The work of the teachers in all the different schools has been in the main well done, the discipline fair, and the results generally satisfactory to the board.

One of the greatest promoters of order and successful progress in our schools is regular attendance. Parents are largely responsible for lack of punctual attendance on the part of their children, they are generally desirous that their children should be regular in attendance and observe the rules of school, but many through indifference and lack of thought upon the subject omit largely that which the best teacher cannot supply.

It is of the greatest importance that parents be watchful

and that the best habits and impulses be fostered at home.

Of necessity, the schools are now numbered without regard to the number of the old school districts, as will be seen by table No. 1, accompanying this report.

The roll of honor given in the different school registers shows perfect attendance for the scholars whose names are given below which we are most happy to announce in this report deeming it most creditable to them and something that should be aspired to and if possible attained by every scholar.

School No. 1, 1st term: Mary J. Forgette, William Moran, Willie Delany, William Lane, Robert Thomas, Frank Flemming, Dennis Rilihan, Clifford C. Thomas, Charles McDonald.

2nd term: Frank Flemming, Patrick Shaughnessy, Frank J. Sylvester, Robert Thomas, Russell C. Thomas, Mary J. Forgette, Katie Hartnette, Annie B. Condon, Minnie Condon, Maud Flemming.

3rd term: Edward Lynch, Charles McDonald, Russell C. Thomas.

School No. 2, 1st term: Alice M. Bean, Katie Moran, Mamie Hayes, Maud Flemming, Josie Riley, John Lynch.

2d term: Katie Moran, Mamie Hayes, Florence Forgette, Nellie Hartnette, Annie Keefe, Minnie O'Connor, Willie McGuirk, Eddie Stack, John Power, John Collins, John Hayes, Willie Dalton.

3rd term: Katie Moran, Willie Dalton, John Hayes, Eddie Mack, Dennis Hennessy, Eddie Stack.

School No. 3, 1st term: Charles Hobart, John Kiniry, John Hayes, Edward Shaughnessy, Harrold Shedd, Ida Thomas, Middie Shedd, Nelly Hennessy.

2nd term: John Fitzgerald, William Gould, Leo Forgette, John Riley, John Shaughnessy, Edward Shaughnessy, Harrold Shedd, Mary Fitzgerald, Annie Griffin, Ida Thomas, Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Butterfield.

3rd term: Lizzie Butter, Lizzie Exner, Mary Butterfield, Annie Griffin, Nellie Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, Julia



Keefe, Ida Thomas, Alice McCarthy, Moses Adams, Leo Forgette, John Kiniry.

School No. 4, 1st term : Willie H. Lovell, Aden Dinsmore, Edith Cobb.

2nd term : Willie H. Lovell, Edith Cobb.

School No. 5, 1st term : Robert W. Boyle, Clifford Powers, Lonnie Jennings.

School No. 6, 1st term : Truth Fisher, Stella M. Slade, Lena Roy, Edith M. Roy, Josie S. Roy.

2nd term : Flora Pratt, Jennie Pratt, Truth Fisher, Stella Slade, Jennie Selkirk, Lena Roy, Edith Roy, Josie Roy, Willie Selkirk, Harry Jennison.

3rd term : Jennie Selkirk, Lena Roy, Edith Roy, Josie Roy, Eva Wells, Dollie Wells, Willie Selkirk.

School No. 7, 1st term : Lizzie R. Selkirk, Hellen M. Guild, Sylvia M. Guild, Lizzie B. Ballow, Mabel E. Guild, Eva M. Guild, Harry W. Ramsey, Arthur W. Johnson.

2nd term : Eva M. Guild, Lizzie R. Selkirk, Arthur W. Johnson, George L. Worcester.

3rd time : Lizzie R. Selkirk, Melvin Ramsey.

School No. 8, 1st term : Lilla Thompson, Arthur Thompson.

2nd term : Louisa Watkins, Carrie Watkins, Hattie Watkins, Lilla Thompson, Bertha Wellington, Wallace Leonard, Arthur Thompson.

3rd term : Carrie S. Watkins.

School No. 9, 1st term : Winnie Kingman, Mattie Kingman, Homer Kingman, Nora Flagg.

2nd term : Winnie Kingman, Mattie Kingman, Homer Kingman.

3rd term : Winnie Kingman, Mattie Kingman, Harry Jennison.

School No. 10, 1st term : Clara B. Houghton, Clarence W. Houghton.

2nd term : Harry J. Tiffany.

3rd time : George O. Taggard, Edward S. Taggard,  
George B. Tiffany, Harry J. Tiffany.

School No. 11, 1st term : Eleanor M. Hooper, Gracie  
E. Hooper, Elbra M. Hooper.

2nd term : Eleanor M. Hooper, Gracie E. Hooper, Elbra  
M. Hooper.

School No. 12, 1st term : Nellie M. Ross.

School No. 13, 2nd term : Agnes L. Slade, Rosabelle  
Hatch, Charles Slade.

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| BOLIVAR LOVELL,    | } | School Board. |
| ALBERT F. NIMS,    |   |               |
| LUCIUS WELLINGTON, |   |               |

# REPORT OF Superintending School Committee

• OF • DISTRICT. • NO. • 1 •

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1887.

Mr. George W. Ransom of Durham, principal of high school ; Miss Florence S. Knight of Keene, teacher of intermediate ; Miss Annette Brown of Walpole, teacher of primary.

In submitting their report for this district your committee have not thought best to remark upon the qualifications, success or failure of individual teachers, in their work. We think that little good can result from such statements, and possibly in some cases injustice and injury, for we think it can be shown that teachers may be quite successful when the conditions and circumstances under which they are placed are favorable to their qualifications and temperament and yet be very inefficient in cases requiring severe discipline.

The executive ability that will secure and maintain good discipline in our school may signally fail in another. Good behavior is one of the subjects required by law to be taught in the common schools and the greatest cause of failure in the schools is lack of discipline, both as regards the general conduct of the pupils, and the instruction given in the different branches in which they are taught.

The difficulties which your committee found last year in their efforts to apply some system of grading to the schools.

of this district have been no less this year on account of the necessary change of teachers in the high school and the large and mixed class of scholars in that school during the fall and winter terms. It is obvious that it will require much time and patient effort to establish and maintain any satisfactory standard of scholarship as a condition of advancement from each school of the lower grades to the next higher as well as to arrange and classify the pupils of the high school in accordance with the requirements of any well balanced curriculum.

Your committee are still of the opinion that our schools can be much improved by persistent effort in this direction and if they cannot be classed and graded as completely as in larger districts we can yet approximate to it, with great advantage to scholars and teachers.

The examination of the primary and intermediate schools show the class to be promoted from each to be better prepared for advancement than in previous years and the discipline and instruction in these departments appear to have been satisfactory and profitable throughout the year.

The unfortunate interruption of the high school in the fall term and the bad behavior which prevailed there for a short time were promptly and happily corrected by Mr. Ransom and good order and discipline maintained to the end. Therefore while we believe that what has been done in the past year in the repair and improvement of our school-rooms and buildings and the work done by the several schools, will, on the whole, compare favorably with that of previous years, we think there is yet abundant room for improvement, and we commend the schools of this district to the liberality, the watchful care and attention not only of parents, but of all who have have faith in education and intelligence as the sure basis of free institutions.

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| C. R. CROWELL, | } Supt. Com. |
| W. H. TEEL,    |              |
| S. H. PORTER,  |              |



| Name or Number of School. | Terms.                | Name of Teacher.   | Wages of Teacher per month. | Length of School in weeks. | Whole Number of Scholars. | Number in Arithmetic. | Number in Grammar. | Number in Geography. | Number in History. | Number in Physiology. | No. Visits by School Board. | No. Visits by Citizens and others. | Average Attendance. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| School No. 1              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Horatio McIntire, Fred P. Cummings, do.  | \$50 62 62                  | 10 9 7                     | 33 39 48                  | 25 39 48              | 14 7 15            | 30 32 33             | 1                  | 4 3 4                 | 2 3 4                       | 25 17 41                           | 26 17 35            |
| School No. 2              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Ellen M. Atwood, Miss Lilla L. Phelps, do.  | 36 36 36                    | 10 9 7                     | 40 41 47                  | 40 41 47              | 15 47 47           | 33 47 47             |                    | 5 5 5                 | 2 2 2                       | 17 32 25                           | 19 32 25            |
| School No. 3              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Hattie C. Riley, do.  | 36 36 36                    | 9 9 8                      | 32 32 35                  | 32 32 35              | 34 34 35           | 32 32 34             |                    | 3 3 3                 | 3 3 3                       | 11 11 48                           | 11 25 48            |
| School No. 4              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Carrie L. Wighman, do.  | 24 24 24                    | 9 9 9                      | 48 48 48                  | 35 35 35              | 48 48 48           | 5 5 5                | 2                  | 2 2 2                 | 3 3 3                       | 8 15 20                            | 6 28 9 38           |
| School No. 5              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Mrs. E. M. Boyle, Miss Katie O'Brien, do.  | 23 23 23                    | 9 9 9                      | 10 10 10                  | 7 7 7                 | 3 3 3              | 5 5 5                | 2                  | 1                     | 3 3 3                       | 13 13 9                            | 9 9 16              |
| School No. 6              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Hattie N. Emerson, Miss Minnie A. Miller, do.   | 21 21 21                    | 8 8 8                      | 12 12 12                  | 11 11 11              | 3 3 3              | 8 8 8                | 1                  | 4 4 4                 | 3 3 3                       | 32 11 11                           | 8 11 12 81          |
| School No. 7              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Alice J. Chickering, Miss Emily M. Jenison, do.   | 22 22 22                    | 8 8 8                      | 13 13 13                  | 13 13 13              | 5 5 5              | 10 10 10             | 2                  | 1 2 2                 | 4 4 4                       | 19 12 23                           | 8 12 24             |
| School No. 8              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Florence L. Brinkerhoff, Miss Fanny Johnson, Edward A. Watkins, Miss Minnie A. Miller, Miss Cora G. Sisson, do. | 20 22 22 21 21 21           | 8 8 8 9 9 9                | 12 12 16 13 13 10         | 12 12 16 13 13 10     | 2 2 2 1 1 1        | 8 8 9 9 9 9          | 3                  | 3 3 3                 | 4 4 4                       | 14 13 13                           | 14 13 13            |
| School No. 9              | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Mrs. Alice M. Clough, do.  | 24 24 24                    | 8 8 8                      | 7 7 7                     | 7 7 7                 | 3 3 3              | 6 6 6                | 1                  | 1 1 1                 | 2 2 2                       | 34 10 9                            | 7 35 5 57           |
| School No. 10             | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Clara E. Parker, Mrs. Alfred E. Foster, do.   | 22 22 22                    | 8 8 8                      | 13 13 13                  | 13 13 13              | 17 17 17           | 3 3 3                | 3                  | 2 2 2                 | 4 4 4                       | 31 21 13                           | 9 13 13             |
| School No. 11             | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Emma Fuller, do.  | 20 20 20                    | 3 3 3                      | 1 1 1                     | 1 1 1                 | 2 2 2              | 1 1 1                | 2                  | 1 1 1                 | 2 2 2                       | 25 9 1                             | 1 1 1               |
| School No. 12             | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Fanny Johnson, Miss Lilla L. Phelps, Miss Emma L. Fuller, Charles Fisher, do.                                   | 24 24 24                    | 14 14 14                   | 6 6 6                     | 6 6 6                 | 7 7 7              | 5 5 5                | 1                  | 1 1 1                 | 2 2 2                       | 10 13 15                           | 5 8 13 15           |
| School No. 13             | Summer, Fall, Winter. | Miss Fanny Johnson, Miss Lilla L. Phelps, Miss Emma L. Fuller, Charles Fisher, do.                                   | 30 30 30                    | 9 9 9                      | 19 19 19                  | 19 19 19              | 4 4 4              | 13 13 13             | 1                  | 1 1 1                 | 2 2 2                       | 12 12 17                           | 17 17 17            |

## ✦ TABLE + NO. + TWO. ✦

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| Whole number of scholars not less than 5 years, who<br>have attended school not less than 2 weeks | 297       |
| No. of persons between 14 and 21 unable to read<br>and write - - - - -                            | 8         |
| No. of children reported by selectmen or assessors  | 267       |
| No. of children between 5 and 15 not attending school   | 7         |
| No. of visits by school board - - - - -   | 113       |
| No. of visits by citizens - - - - -   | 580       |
| Money raised by law - - - - -   | \$2531 16 |
| Literary and railroad fund - - - - -  | 191 23    |
| Dog money - - - - -   | None      |





